

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE

Insurance Fraud Unit

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A long-time Baton Rouge businessman was arrested today and booked on 38 counts of Worker's Compensation Fraud, 7 counts of Insurance Fraud and 7 counts of Willful Misrepresentation as a result of a three month long joint investigation spearheaded by the Louisiana State Police Insurance Fraud Unit and the Office of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal.

According to Lt. Allen Carpenter, Troy J. Rembert, age 43, of 12533 Stoneway Place in Baton Rouge was arrested by the Louisiana State Police Insurance Fraud Unit on March 16, 2006, after it was discovered Rembert had been submitting falsified insurance documents to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Investigators with the Insurance Fraud Unit determined Rembert tried to conceal the fact he intentionally failed to provide worker's compensation coverage for at least 38 employees over a four year period. Rembert also misrepresented the fact that he did not have liability insurance coverage for his business as required by State Fire Marshal regulations. The case is now being turned over to the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

Approximately three weeks prior to his arrest, Rembert was issued a Cease & Desist order for operating without a valid license to install or service electronic security alarm systems. At that time, Rembert was banned and prohibited from any and all future activities in the alarm industry, as a result of an order issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office under the Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections which has licensing and compliance jurisdiction over companies in the burglar and fire alarm industries. Rembert's sister, Robyn Kusch, was previously arrested in February by the Insurance Fraud Unit for participating with Rembert in the scheme.

"This joint investigation, along with the subsequent arrest Mr. Rembert and Ms. Kusch, are part of a state-wide crackdown on insurance fraud by the Louisiana State Police Insurance Fraud Unit," explained Lt. Carpenter. "In addition, this action also reflects the increased level of scrutiny and regulatory compliance being established and aggressively enforced by the State Fire Marshal's Office in regards to burglar and fire alarm companies."

If convicted, Rembert will be prohibited from continuing to operate in the alarm industry, and will be banned from selling, installing or servicing burglar and fire alarms in any manner.

Rembert was previously active in the industry under a number of different corporate identities, including ASP and Advanced Security Protection. However, this will NOT result in a disruption of ongoing monitoring service to ASP or Advanced Security customers. In fact, Lt. Carpenter pointed out that it is important for consumers -- and individual alarm customers -- to delineate and understand the difference between independent alarm installers and the larger alarm monitoring companies.

Pelican Security, based in Baton Rouge, is one of the largest providers of security alarm monitoring services in the United States. Their company was contracted by Rembert to provide monitoring and billing services for all Advanced Security Protection customers. According to a spokesman for Pelican, there will be absolutely no disruption or change in the level of 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week monitoring service provided by Pelican to those customers which were originally installed by, but acquired from, ASP. Pelican has owned and monitored all customer accounts installed by ASP for nearly six years, since June 2000.

Lt. Carpenter explained, "Whereas Mr. Rembert has been prohibited from any future participation in the alarm industry due to the restrictions imposed on him by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, any and all existing alarm systems previously installed by ASP will continue to be monitored by Pelican through its ARGUS Security division." "What this means for an individual consumer, a home or business alarm customer, is that any accounts currently monitored under the ASP name will continue to be monitored, with no change or disruption of service, under the Pelican Security Network."

Individual ASP customers needing more information regarding their service are encouraged to contact PELICAN directly at 225-927-9300 or toll free at 1-866-PELICAN (866-735-4226).